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Letter dated 7 March 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement regarding the reports of Dr. Hans Blix, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to be presented to the Security Council on 7 March 2003, and the anticipated actions by the Council on the resolution on Iraq that would take place next week.

The Non-Aligned Movement believes that the reports of Dr. Blix and Dr. ElBaradei, together with the new proposals that have recently been introduced, would be of assistance to the Security Council as it considers how to respond to the situation in Iraq. The Non-Aligned Movement firmly believes that the Council would benefit from hearing the views of the wider international community on these reports and proposals, which have serious implications for international peace and security.

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, I therefore respectfully request that the Security Council consider convening an open debate in order to afford the rest of the Members of the United Nations the opportunity to express their views on these new developments pertaining to Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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